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and the chord FE passes through P; and so for any circle.

Q. E. D.

This problem was also solved by G. B. M. Zerr, John B. Faught, J. F. W. Scheffer, and O. W. Anthony.

#### PROBLEMS.

# 37. Proposed by B. F. BURLESON, Oneida Castle, New York.

Inscribe in a semicircle a rectangle having a given area; a rectangle having the maximum area.

# 38. Proposed by LEONARD E. DICKSON, M. A., Fellow in Mathematics. University of Chicago-

Give a strictly geometric proof of my fundamental theorem on the Inscription of Regular Polygons, viz: Suppose a circle of unit radius divided at the points  $A, A_1, A_2, A_3, \ldots A_p, \ldots$  into 2p+1 equal parts and the diameter AO drawn. Then, if the chords  $OA_1, OA_2, \ldots OA_p$  be drawn, we have  $OA_1 - OA_2 + OA_3 - OA_4 + OA_5 - \ldots \pm OA_p = 1$ .

# CALCULUS.

Conducted by J. M. COLAW, Monterey, Va. All contributions to this department should be sent to him.

### SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS.

25. Proposed by F. P. MATZ, M. Sc., Ph. D.. Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy in New Windsor College, New Windsor, Maryland.

A leaf of the curve: "The Devil on Two Sticks", equation  $y^4-x^4+100a^2x^2-96a^2y^2=0$ , revolves around the axis of x. Deduce the expression for the volume generated.

### I. Solution by the PROPOSER.

From the equation of the given curve, we deduce  $y^2 = 48a^2 \pm \sqrt{(2304a^4 - 100a^2x^2 + x^4)} \dots (1)$ ; that is,  $(PD)^2 = 48a^2 + \sqrt{(2304a^4 - 100a^2x^2 + x^4)}$ , and, therefore,  $(P'D)^2 = 48a^2 - \sqrt{(2304a^4 - 100a^2x^2 + x^4)}$ . Hence the expression for the volume generated after the curve has made a complete revolution around the axis of x, becomes

$$V=2\pi \left[\int_{0}^{6a} \left[48a^{2} + \sqrt{(2304a^{4} - 100a^{2}x^{2} + x^{4})}\right]dx - \int_{0}^{6a} \left[48a^{2} - \sqrt{(2304a^{4} - 100a^{2}x^{2} + x^{4})}\right]dx\right] \dots (2).$$